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## **SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 5, 2006**

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**Centennial Recreation Center**

Senior Center  
171 West Edmundson

**Senior Advisory Commission**

Chair	Susan Fent
Vice-Chair	Jeannette Riley
Committee Member	Gloria Subocz
Committee Member	Betty Gardner
Committee Member	William Quenneville
Committee Member	Betty Ancheta
Committee Member	Gigi Smith

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Fent called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

Commissioner Gardner absent. All other Commissioners present.

### **DECLARATION OF POSTING THE AGENDA**

Per Government Code 54954.2

### **PLEDGE**

### **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Resident Rich Jensen voiced his concerns to the Commission about current levels of general taxation. He is seeking help in the formation of a volunteer group that will focus on this issue.

Walter Schenke, Gilroy resident and involved with Silicon Valley Independent Living Center, addressed the Commission on the issue of accessibility of the pedestrian transportation system for the disabled in Morgan Hill. Mr. Schenke said that there were areas of the city that were not up to current ADA standards. He requested that the SAC consider this issue. Chair Fent told Mr. Schenke that senior accessibility was one of the SAC's work plan items. Mr. Schenke said that he planned to discuss this issue with Mayor Tate.

### **VERBAL REPORTS – SAC COMMISSIONERS**

There were no verbal reports.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 2006.**

Commissioner Subocz moved to approve the November meeting minutes. Commissioner Ancheta seconded the motion. Motion carried (6:0). Minutes approved.

### **BUSINESS**

#### **2. CENTENNIAL RECREATION CENTER (CRC) HANDICAPPED PARKING Information Item.** Staff will provide an update on the handicapped parking.

Chris Ghione, CRC Supervisor, reported that during the hours of operation of the Senior Center, there will be designated "Senior Only" parking close to the Senior Center entrance. Ghione said that signs are currently being priced and that as soon as this information is received the signs will be ordered and installed. Chair Fent said that there appears to be a sense of urgency coming from the seniors. Ghione said it would either be completed by the next SAC meeting or he would provide an update.

#### **3. SIDEWALK ACCESSIBILITY FOR SENIORS**

**Information Item.** Mori Struve, Deputy Director of Public Works, and the ADA Coordinator for Public Works projects, will brief the Commission on the efforts of the City to improve sidewalk accessibility.

Deputy Director Struve briefly explained his role as the City's ADA Coordinator. His report focused on access ramps. He reported that the current protocol for the creation of new ramps is: 1) developers are required to meet all new ADA regulations when putting in new sidewalks; 2) the City's paving/re-surfacing program focuses on access ramps and when improvements/repairs are made on existing sidewalks/roadways accessibility is brought up to

code; and 3) at citizen request, Public Works will repair an existing walkway or create an access ramp within the budget limitations of \$50,000 a year toward sidewalk repairs and \$10,000 a year on access ramps (the cost of a ramp is approximately \$2,000).

Struve indicated that he would welcome and encourage a group/committee whose focus was on accessibility for the disabled and who could assist with prioritizing the calls that Public Works receives for ramps and/or sidewalk repairs.

**4. MORGAN HILL SENIOR CITIZEN FOUNDATION**

**Information Item.** Debbie Cupp, Mt. Madonna YMCA Executive Director, will update the Commission on the transfer of the trust fund.

Debbie Cupp reported that an attempt is still being made to contact the executor of the fund. She reported that the original principle was \$25,000 and that the current fund balance is \$45,000. She will continue to report to the SAC as information is received.

**5. JANUARY MEETING**

**Action Item.** Commission will determine whether to have the next SAC meeting as scheduled on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, re-schedule to January 9<sup>th</sup>, or cancel the meeting.

Commissioner Subocz moved to cancel the January 2, 2007 meeting and re-schedule the regular meeting for January 9, 2007 due to the holiday. Commissioner Quenneville seconded the motion. Motion carried (6:0).

**6. SAC WORKPLAN**

**Action Item.** Work plan reports from Commissioners.

**Senior Programming at the CRC and Outreach - All Commissioners**

1. A local chiropractor will be providing information.
2. Classes designed for seniors have been added to the course offerings and the current Recreation Guide has a page devoted to classes at the CRC Senior Center.
3. St. Louise health seminars will be offered at the Senior Center.
4. Commissioner Smith suggested that the SAC consider developing internships through San Jose State that might assist with programming and other SAC issues.

**Identify the SAC Target Population, Comprehensive List of Local Senior Resources, and Public Pedestrian Pathway Improvements - Commissioners Gardner and Quenneville**

No report.

**Elder Abuse - Chair Fent**

1. Jamie Buckmeister, Santa Clara County Adult Protective Services, is working with the Morgan Hill Police Department to bring an officer in to provide hands-on training.

2. Adult Protective Services will also provide a presentation at the Senior Center on Elder Abuse (with a focus on financial abuse).
3. Information will be placed in the newspaper to order to provide community education on the issues.

**Emergency Services Plan for Vulnerable Seniors - Chair Fent, Commissioners Ancheta and Quenneville**

No report.

**Senior Transportation and Nutrition - Co-Chair Riley**

No report.

### **REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS**

No requests for future items.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Subocz moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Riley seconded the motion. Motion carried (6:0). The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT to the next monthly meeting on January 9, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in Meeting Room #1 at the Centennial Recreation Center, 171 West Edmundson, Morgan Hill.**